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49 Male
51 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 516 interviews is $\pm 4.4\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03*</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>High</u> <u>11/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/01</u>	
Approve.....	67	62	61	54	62	63	64	88	50	[137]
Disapprove.....	28	33	31	40	33	31	30	7	35	
Not sure.....	5	5	8	6	5	6	6	5	15	
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>11/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	
		67	69	75	74	82	85	88	82	
		27	23	18	20	13	11	7	12	
		6	8	7	6	5	4	5	6	

* Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2. Generally speaking, would you say the war in Iraq has gone better than what you expected, worse than you expected, or about what you expected?

Better than expected.....	25	[138]
Worse than expected.....	10	
About as expected.....	62	
Not sure.....	3	

3. In general, would you say Iraq's military force has been tougher than you expected, not as tough as you expected, or just about what you expected?

	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>1/91</u>	
Tougher than expected.....	10	21	[139]
Not as tough as expected.....	31	25	
About as expected.....	54	45	
Not sure.....	5	9	

4. Based on events so far, do you feel generally confident about the value of the use of U.S. military force in Iraq or do you have some doubts about the value of the use of U.S. military force in Iraq?

Feel confident about the value of the use of U.S. military force.....	71	[140]
Have some doubts about the value of the use of U.S. military force.....	25	
Not sure.....	4	

5. How much longer do you expect the war with Iraq will last?

Less than a week.....	3	[141]
A week to two weeks.....	13	
Two weeks to a month.....	24	
One to two months.....	18	
Three to six months.....	13	
More than six months.....	13	
Not sure.....	16	

6. Let me read you some goals the United States and its allies might have in the war with Iraq. For each, please tell me whether you think the United States and its allies should or should not continue the war as long as it takes to achieve this goal. **(FOR EACH ITEM, ASK:)** Do you think the U.S. and its allies should or should not continue the war as long as it takes **(READ ITEM)?**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SHOULD CONTINUE

	<u>Should Continue</u>	<u>Should Not Continue</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
To find and dismantle any biological, chemical, or nuclear weapon capabilities in Iraq				[144]
March 23, 2003.....	92	7	1	
To remove Saddam Hussein from power				[145]
March 23, 2003.....	90	9	1	
To destroy Iraq's offensive military capabilities				[142]
March 23, 2003.....	81	16	3	
January 1991 ¹	87	10	3	
To capture or kill Saddam Hussein				[143]
March 23, 2003.....	80	17	3	
January 1991 ¹	73	21	6	

¹In January 1991, question was phrased "continue the war in order to achieve..."

7. Based on what you have heard, read or seen, please tell me how great a risk you feel American forces in Iraq face in carrying out their objectives using a seven-point scale where "7" means a grave risk and "1" means very little risk?

7, grave risk.....	23	[146]
6.....	12	
5.....	29	
4.....	16	
3.....	11	
2.....	4	
1, little risk.....	2	
Cannot rate.....	3	

8. How likely do you think it is that U.S. forces will discover weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, such as biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons capability -- very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

Very likely.....	62	[147]
Fairly likely.....	16	
Just somewhat likely.....	12	
Not that likely.....	7	
Not sure.....	3	

FACTUALS: Now I'm going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	6	[148-149]
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	8	
35-39.....	8	
40-44.....	10	
45-49.....	13	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	7	
65-69.....	7	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	7	
Refused.....	2	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN."** **IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	21	[150]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	6	
Strictly independent.....	21	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other.....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	[151-152]
Some high school.....	4	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F4a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	10	[153]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F4b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	78	[154]
Black.....	8	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	4	
Hispanic (VOL).....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	2	